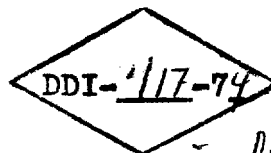


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13 February 1974

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SUBJECT: Andy Marshall Request

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Andy Marshall's request for a study of Soviet Border Guards ranks low in the priority of things to be done and would appear to be more costly than its worth. The KGB border guards are not overly significant in the scheme of things and their costs are insignificant in terms of total Soviet national security expenditures.

I suggest that this study is an appropriate one for DIA, resources permitting. I would not like to see an overburdened NPIC tasked with this job.

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